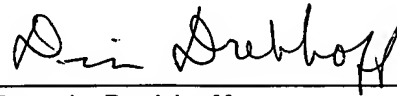


**Remarks**

Applicant requests the Examiner to consider this amendment leading toward an early Notice of Allowance for the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Dennis Drehkoff", is written over a horizontal line.

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